

SUPPLIES
ALL WANTS

TRAGEDIES OF THE MAIL

Christmas Souvenirs That Never
Come or Never Go.

RESULT OF BROKEN RULES

Some Memoranda for the World of
Senders of Souvenirs by Post and
by Express—Practical Illustrations
of a Failure to Remember the Regu-
lations—Cases of Mixed Pickles.

The mail bag and the express wrapper are two things in which all good and bad Christians are interested just now, more than in any other two considerations. Christmas is an exception to the rule that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The timely rule is perhaps that a fair exchange is no robbery.

People are, however, apt to forget that many well intended presents go wrong in some cases, that they do not go at all in others, and that some of them when they arrive at destinations are merely caricatures of their former selves. This is because the rules to be observed in sending presents by mail and by express are ignored.

The express rules are so simple that it is only once in a long while that anything goes wrong. The sender has the advantage in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred of having a personal interview with the express agent at the main office or with the "man on the wagon." All the mistakes are usually rectified, but not so when the sender is to go by mail. The sender is usually rectified, but not so when the sender is to go by mail. The sender is usually rectified, but not so when the sender is to go by mail.

ONE FREQUENT MISTAKE.
A stumpy little woman bowed her way through the crowd Saturday afternoon in the act of placing a special delivery stamp on a small package. When she got near enough to stick it into the gap, a hole in the wall and went her way rejoicing over the happiness the package would receive at the other end of the line. Alas, maybe it will, and maybe it won't. Less than a minute after it was sent, a man with an apron on wanted to know if "Miss Clara had gone." Of course she had, but her package was addressed to Mr. — of Jefferson. She had evidently read the rules, but was in too much of a hurry to recall all of them at one time.

Her own name was on the box and her address, but she had not remembered that one of the bureau clerks had taken it from her. She was just passing through and bought her present here, but where is Jefferson or what is his name? This question will probably never be answered, even at the next postoffice sale of the mysteries of the mails. But in the language of the bureau clerk, "What is the clerk doing?" It is possible that a year hence somebody will buy a dollar and a half silk necktie for ten cents and Mr. Bank of one of the bureau clerks will say, "I may never believe that Miss Clara thought of him in his flying trip through Washington. There are any of this class of people in Washington. The postoffice clerks think that there are. They live everywhere, and while the postoffice authorities solve a great many mysteries and keep the mails running, they intend letters out of the tomb of the dead letter division, yet many things either go wrong or never go at all, which is just as bad for the little old people who are waiting or watching for the souvenirs of their distant friends.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE MAIL.
Loosening purse strings and divers memoranda have taught us already that this is the gracious season when everybody, more or less, "takes his pen in hand" to say something to everybody else whether it be to write a letter or to supersede the one of the many million packages which pass through the postoffice as Christmas presents. A little talk on the rates of postage and the rules of the postoffice will not amiss in the hurry and scurry to get packages dispatched and especially those which are destined to postoffice clerks who will hardly be reached before Christmas Eve.

One of the best illustrations of the fact that you can't "beat" the postoffice out of its just dues is that of a man who went to the postoffice a day or two ago to send a jug of very good whisky, worth \$4, to a friend in Arkansas. He had with him this jug, and he had with him "Postals" having anything attached or having writing or printing on the face other than the address are subject to the rates of postage. This ingenious, rather than ingenious, gentleman had his jug of whisky "attached" to the postal card and signed that for no reason he would by the rule, be obliged to pay the full rates of postage on the postal card.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.
Report That Minister Mendonça Is Arranging for a Congress.
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 23.—Rio Janeiro advices state that the Brazilian foreign office has been in correspondence with Minister Mendonça in relation to a South American conference in which all the pan-American republics would take part. The subject of the conference will be the Monroe doctrine and general matters affecting the American continent. It is understood that Brazil will take the initiative in the calling of the conference.

Elks to See Miss Mora Tonight.
Washington, Dec. 23.—The Elks will attend the Academy of Music in a body tonight to witness the performance of Miss Mora. This young lady is a great favorite with the Washington theatergoers. Especially so, because she has the local knowledge of Elks, as she has on numerous occasions contributed her wonderful talent for the benefit of their charity fund.

Sealing Regulations for 1896.
The sealing regulations for 1896, under the Paris Award to govern American vessels were promulgated from the Treasury Department. They are substantially the same as last year's regulations, except that they provide that vessels shall carry lights at night and before entering the Bering Sea vessels must report at Alton or Unalakleet.

Colored Y. M. C. A. Lecture.
One of the best papers read before the Literary Society of the colored Y. M. C. A. will be delivered by Prof. Hershaw of the General Land Office, entitled "A Few Pages From Jewish History." This evening at 8 o'clock at the hall, No. 1009 Eleventh street northwest.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

To all friends and acquaintances: This is to notify that the difference, tending between Journeymen Butchers Union, No. 6341, and Edward G. Schneider, pork butcher and sausage manufacturer, on Seventh street road, has not yet been settled.

NOVITA CO. Remedy for complaints of women at 127 11th st. w. Lady agents wanted. Call hours 2 to 5 p. m. de22-23

PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE NAVY YARD, WASHINGTON, D. C.—December 7, 1895.—Sealed proposals, addressed "Proposals for Supplies for the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C." to be opened December 26, 1895, will be received at the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., until 12 o'clock, noon, DECEMBER 26, 1895, and publicly opened immediately thereafter, to furnish at the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., a quantity of lumber, hardware, belting, tool steel, and drill rod. The articles must conform to the Navy standard and pass the usual naval inspection. Blank proposals will be furnished upon application to the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. The attention of manufacturers and dealers is invited. The bids, all other things being equal, decided by lot. The Department reserves the right to waive defects or to reject any or all bids not deemed satisfactory. For full particulars apply to STEWART, Paymaster General, U. S. A., de22-23

BUSINESS CHANCES

\$150 will buy half interest in meat and grocery business; experience not necessary. Address BUSINESS, this office. de22-23

WANTED—A good, reliable man of good address, with \$1,000 cash to join advertiser in prospecting and buying land for stock raising and agriculture. The best of the land; big money in it. Address PHYLIAN, this office. de22-23

FOR EXCHANGE

FOR EXCHANGE—Brooklyn, D. C., \$600 equity in 5-room frame house; latrine, porch, water, gas, and electric; for vacant ground in Brooklyn. HULLER, Room 7, 930 F. st. w. de21-23

PERSONAL.

ONE DOLLAR PER WEEK—Not much to spend, but it will buy a magnificent ladies' watch, with guaranteed movements, at GEORGE D. HORNUNG, Room 8, Central bldg., cor. Pa. ave. and 9th st. de22-23

50 CENTS down, new credit system: lace curtains, portieres, rugs, table linen, sets and by the yard; blankets, quilts, comforters, table and piano covers, china, dinner sets, Rogers' silver-plated ware, lamp shades, extra tables, clocks, family and teachers' boxes, albums, etc.; and jewelry; will give samples. NORTHEAST CREDIT HOUSE, 1210 H. st. w. Open 10 to 10 p. m. Columbia class. hours, 3:15 to 4:30 and 6 to 7:30. 604 12th st. de22-23

WANTED—Young ladies and gentlemen to join Miss Eva Miller's singing class, hours, 3:15 to 4:30 and 6 to 7:30. 604 12th st. de22-23

HAVE your carpet cleaned at home as bright as new for Christmas. OHIO CARPET CLEANING CO., 622 K st. w. de22-23

LADY would like the loan of \$50 of red velvet for a Christmas present as you can possibly find. All the watches I have for sale are at a bargain. Address J. H. GEORGE D. HORNUNG, Room 8, Central bldg., cor. Pa. ave. and 9th st. de22-23

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PERSONAL—Washington, D. C., Oct. 12, 1895.—I have used Crump's Tonic for indigestion and constipation and have been greatly benefited. Within two months I have gained 25 pounds in flesh. MYRON M. PARKER. de22-23

\$100 reward for a case of typhoid fever or indigestion that cannot be cured with Crump's Tonic. For full particulars, see advertisement in this issue. de22-23

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